### Meade County News.

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KANSAS MEADE,

The most costly collection of rare postage stamps was lately sold in Brighton, England, by Mr. Castle, the vice-president of the London Philatelio Society. The collection brought 1\$150,000.

The war against municipal disfigpuration and untidiness is fruitful in expressive sayings. A recent remark is worth recording: "There may be such a thing as aesthetic disorder, but there is no such thing as artistic dirt."

A bolt of lightning entered the house of John Ethbridge, near Charlotte, N. C., and killed two of his daughters, as they were sleeping in each other's arms. It also set fire to the house, causing its destruction. Only a short time previous one of the girls dreamed that the house was destroyed by lightning, and two of the family were

Germany's official catalogue for the Paris Exposition is printed in a new type, the inventor of which is said to be the Kaiser himself. The letters are the ordinary Roman letters with Gothic decorations. The intention is to substitute the new alphabet for the present German type, and to accomplish this object fonts of the new type will be offered to German printring establishments at very low prices.

'A lady of Cincinnati has been polsoned by the ink used on typewriter Her fingers were stained by it, and in trying to break a small blister on her lip she placed the stained finger on it, and very soon felt a slight pain in her face. This was ifollowed in a short time by violent digging a well. swelling. The pain became almost unbearable, and her lip swelled and turned black. In spite of the best medical skill she grew rapidly worse, and died in great agony.

An important agreement has been concluded between the seven principal French railway companies and the Belt rallway of Paris, by which the conditions have been fixed for accepting vehicles of all kinds as ordinary baggage. The text of the agreement is as folflows: The following will be accepted 104 feet in length. as baggage of all kinds, especially that their dimensions are such that they may be easily put into the baggage car namely, motocycles, automobile tricycles and automobile carriages; when unpacked their weight is not to exceed 330 pounds; when packed in occupy except the seats. boxes the weight is limited to 220 mounds.

The South American countries used rto be dismissed with a few lines in the old geographies, but now they keep ing-ship, carrying forty boys who will one day be officers in the navy of the Argentine Republic visited this country last month. Within the memory of living men, the Argentine Republic had no navy-indeed, there was no Argentine Republic. It is not right to inumber of its war-ships, but let us re- just been decided in favor of Parker. bolce that our sisters at the south are at ting up navies. The action indicates that they have something at

A bedy of scientists recently disteussed the age at which a child is most interesting. The general opin- increased corps of instructors and many ion finally fixed on two years as the time when the unfolding from babyshood to childhood exhibits the most constant and pleasant surprises. In connection with this scientific opintion, it is notable that photographers take a "time-exposure" picture. A this year is the best ever raised in the vounger child will, to an extent, "stay territory, put," and so can be photographed; a child above that age respects such ditrections as "Keen still for just a minute." The little 2-year-old has all the alertness and activity of youth without being able to see the wisdom of listening to the artist's re-

The unfortunates who suffer from hay fevtr are now dragging out a wretched existence at their homes or flying to places where they can find cimmunity from this annoving ailment. All such will find a gleam of hope in the announcement made by Dr. H. H. Curtis in the Medical News. Dr. Curitis found that two girls employed in a drug store, handling ipecac, were rendered immune from "ipecac cold" by Itaking doses of the tincture. This led thim to try the effect of hypodermic infections of the extract of roses upon a lady who could not even pass a florist's shop without taking "rose cold," with cure. He then experimented in a simi-"like cures like" remedy is a simple one and worth a trial.

Prince Oukthomsky sent his celesbrated collections of bronze Mongol idols to the Russian Asiatic section of whe Paris exhibition. They remained on view for a time, but some of the figures shocked even Paris ideas of decency and complaints began to come in. Having been accepted, the exhib-'it could not very well be returned, so the officials picked out the worst specimens, packed them in a box of Asiatic appearance and have placed this in a conspicuous position with the label "Mongol Idols."

Asia Minor's tobacco crop was given up this year owing to a plague of caterpillars. An ingenius farmer, however, turned his turkeys into his tobacco patch. The turkeys made quick work of the caterpillars, and there was a boom in turkeys at once. A good part of the crop, especially in the Yenidje district, has been saved.

The executioners of Canton have gone on a sirike. The legal rate for cutting off a culprit's head is about 25 cents, but they say this sum is starvagion wages, and they want 50 cents.

# NEWS OF THE TERRITORIES.

FUTURE STATES. OKLAHOMA AND INDIAN TERRITORY

Glencoe proposes to have a cotton

Wakita will vote on incorporation August 14. The Osages have just been paid an-

other \$50 a head. Boomers are all sanguine for the future of Granite.

There is to be a rural free delivery route from Hennessey.

Judge Hamer and family are visiting in Nebraska and Iowa. Mrs. Robert Neff is a neice of Wil-

liam Cullen Bryant, the poet.

Rains have delayed threshing, haying and plowing to quite an extent. The surveying corps of the Orient

railroad is now working in Washita The colored people of Logan county observed emancipation day with a fine

program. Some leases on the Ponca reservation

have been cancelled by the interior de-The first trainload of cattle was

sent out from the stock yards at Granite, August 1. Seven commercial travelers whose

line is farm implements, struck Enid Captain Duncan has been inspecting the books at the Anadarko and Andale

Indian agencies. Near Fairview, Ludwig Dell and Peter Koop were killed by gas while

Electric cars are to be running in Oklahoma City by February 1, accord-

ing to contract. George Russ, colored, of Guthrie, fell into a vault which he was cleaning and

was suffocated. A twig of a plum tree is exhibited at Ponca City which is 12 inches long and

has 32 plums on it. The new Rock Island depot at Granite is finished and it is a beauty. It is

Seth Welborn, a Canadian county et and Hill got the drop on him. farmer, has five sulky plows at work in his wheat fields.

The town of Luther has contracted for an \$800 school building, ready to

Many of the Oklahoma rough viders have offered to go to China. This is also the case in the other territories. It is said that the biggest business done in Oklahoma since free homes

the statisticians very busy. A train- passed has been in the windmill line. County teachers in Kay county are contracting for district schools at \$45 and \$50 and one is reported at \$55 per month.

The land contest between Abraham Parker and Reed C. Crawford, which gauge the worth of a nation by the has been in litigation since 1891, has

> The Southwestern Nurserymen's Association will hold a semi-annual meeting in Stillwater, August 14 and 15. There are 25 members in the territory. The Oklahoma territorial normal school will open September 3 with an

additions to the libraries and laboratories. There are no tuition charges. Syl Dixon, of wheat train fame, is in the grain business at Enid and says that there are not cars enough to move headquarters will be in Chickasha and regard two years as the worst age to Oklahoma wheat; that the wheat crop it will take six months. After this

> A threshing outfit from Missouri, at work in Kay county, made thirty-three straw stacks in thirty-three days and threshed 33,303 bushels of wheat.

> S. P. Atherton says his last year's peanut crop brought him a profit of \$20 an acre. This year he has 25 acres \$25 to \$40 an acre. Parties holding mortgages on cattle

in Arapahoe county, some of the mortgages said to be fraudulent, are seizing and driving the cattle for shipment. Some of them have been arrested.

Joshua Hizer was gored by a bull and seriously injured. It occurred at his place south of Caldwell.

Mrs. Nancy L. Bates, formerly of Caldwell, Kas., is a candidate for superintendent of schools in Garfield coun-

One man near Mangum promised to the result of effecting a premanent give forty acres to help get an extension of the Rock Island. He now says lar manner upon patients suffering that he didn't think the railroad would from ragweed, golden rod, and lity of come, and that he won't give up his the valley, with like success. This land. He is after the men who are surveying across it for trespass.

The Ponca City water tower is plainly visible from Bliss, ten miles distant, and from Tonkawa, twelve miles dis-

The Osages want their grass lease money but the department is holding It back because there are bills before eongress which dispose of it in other

Two Shawnees, two Caddos and two Delawares have gone to Mexico. They will visit the Kickapoos who are located there and will visit the City of Mexico.

The live stock sanitary board made an order stationing an inspector at Granite. The members then left for Topeka to consult with the Kansas board relative to joint inspection of

Leading colored men of Oklahoma are trying to induce an immigration of negroes at the opening of the Kiowa and Comanche and Wichita countries

A young woman's band has been organized at Chandler. A fine set of ip struments has been ordered.

The \$3,000 Catholic church at Edaond is to be dedicated Angust 16.

Mrs. Pliny L. Soper, of Vinita, is visiting her native place, Topeka, Kan-ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE

> Assessment rolls show a taxable valuation of property of \$1,006,532, in Ardmore.

sons in Shawnee and will probably continue preaching. Postoffice appointments in Indian

Territory; at Pensacola, V. E. Cole; toria: Witterville, J. L. Waltrip. First returns show the election of Gov. D. H. Johnston over Governor D.

M. Harris, for the Chickasaws. Washita county is without a town of over 200 people, while it is claimed

that the county has over 20,000. Jap Ferris, of Ferris, shot and killed

J. R. Gibson, of Chickasha, from jealbusy. Ferris surrendered himself. There was an accident at Cashion in which a passenger coach and an engine

were damaged. No one was injured. Reverend Sugar George, a negro of Muskogee, left \$2,000 in his will to his widow, and his sons are contesting the

Henry Fagin, a member of the Green gang, has been captured and is held at Claremore. 'This is said to finish the

The Katy has put in reduced rates for excursions to Denison, Texas, from points in Texas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory. A two-story frame residence belong-

ing to Capt. W. C. Dovle in South Ardmore, was destroyed by fire; loss \$1,000; insurance \$350. Frank Sarahs and Isaac Elliot, it is

said, are under arrest for robbing the Fairland, I. T., postoffice. They are half breed Indians. On the Gardner place near Wynne-

wood, a mother and two children are dead and two other children are in a critical condition. A little girl kindled the fire with gasoline. It is charged that the fake story of

Geronimo's insanity originated in Vinita; still an article has appeared, written by an army officer, which takes the affirmative in the discussion. George Reed was shot down at Wood-

ford by H. F. Hill. There had been a quarrel and when Reed entered Hill's drug store he reached for his hip pock-Large peaches are selling in Oklahoma at \$1 a bushel. Large water-

melons are selling from wagons at 48 cents a dozen and muskmelons at 25 cents a dozen with grapes at 3 cents a · It is said that over 2,000 excursionists were at Granite on August 5th. In

ten minutes after the procession reached the center of the town the process of eating everything there Cattle men who hold leases in the

dians to select their 480,000 acres grazing allotment in the eastern part of the reservation. This will be opposed by the towns along the Rock Island's extension to Red river.

This comes from South McAlester: A special trainload of twenty-three cars of wheat from Oklahoma, bound for Liverpool via Memphis and New Orleans, went through on the 9th. Oklahoma wheat will soon be followed by the Indian Territory cotton, bound ment. for the same port.

Indian Territory town surveyors have commenced upon the boundaries of towns in the Chickasaw nation with a population of 200 or more. Their work is done the corps will do the

same work for Choctaw towns. A son of Robert Shirley, of Pawnee county, was riding a horse when a loose horse kicked him in the face. He

is seriously injured. John Simpler, of Checotah; C. C. Cox, of Minto; Archibald Goode, of Paoli, and D. M. Shain, of Pauls Valley, had on which he estimates a net profit of cattle on the Kansas City market last

The Keetoowaks, the noted secret society of the Cherokee Indians, hold a meeting at Big Tucker Springs August 11 to discuss the future of the full-

W. T. McCoy, of South Ardmore heard someone in the room and shot his 12-year-old daughter, thinking there was a burglar there. She was shot through the arm below the elbow

There is a negro living in Catoosa, L. T., who is booked by the census taker as being 104 years old. He is William Vann, born near Norfolk, Va.; sold to a New Orleans trader when 19 years old. Vann now has the bill of sale which was made out at that time. It receipts for \$1,200 and is dated Feb-

ruary 20, 1815. The Dawes commission reached Salislaw August 6 to commence making a roll of the freedman Cherokee citizens. They came from Burch, where the fullblood Cherokees showed a disposition not to be enrolled, and not many names

Work of mapping and selling town lots is progressing satisfactorily at South McAlester but is not so far advanced as in Ardmore. The work is finished in the towns of Colbert and and partly sold.

About 600 Creeks have recently organized an old fashioned Indian government. They have concentrated in the mountains on Grand river. They oppose land allotments and will not mix with white people. Chinnubbe Hayo is their chief. They have ordered all whites out of the district.

The ledge of white limestone, or dolomite, which forms the cap of the Red hills, six to eight miles south of Watenga and extending to the South Canadian, is pronounced to be the best building stone in western Oklahoma.

# ASSASSINATION.

Would Capture Lord Roberts And Shoot His Officers.

Alexander Jester will live with his PART OF A CONSPIRACY.

London, Aug. 13.-The Daily News has the following dispatch from Pre-

A rlot to shoot all the British officers and to make Lord Roberts a prisoner has been opportunely discovered. Ten of the ringleaders were arrested and are now in jail. Probably the plot was part of a con

spiracy of which the attempted rising

at Johannesburg was the first indica-

Everything was prepared in the plot to make Lord Roberts a prisoner and shoot the British officers, and the conspiracy was only discovered at the last moment. The conspirators numbered about fifteen. They had planned to set fire to the houses in the extreme western part of the city, hoping that the troops would be concentrated there. The plan was that then the conspirators were forcibly to enter all houses occupied by British officers, these having been previously marked, and kill the occupants. All the Boer sympathizers were acquainted with the Tien Tsin. plot and several had been told off to secure the person of Lord Roberts and to hurry with him to the nearest commando. Horses had been obtained for this purpose. Then the British learned the names of the ringleaders, who were put under arrest. The affair has

created a tremendous sensation.

Chinamen Volunteer. New York, Aug. 9 .- It is proposed to offer to the United States a corps of intelligent Americanized Chinese to be attached to the American forces in China. It is said they could be of great aid as scouts, guides, boatmen, bosses of the coolies necessary for the transportation of supplies, and as interpreters. The Chinese head men of the Chung Wa recognized this and mentioned it in the recent memorial sent through Minister Wu to Li Hung Chang and they offered their services to Li Hung Chang, but now, being assured of the United States' attitude, they will offer their services to aid General Chaffee.

### Corruption in Cuban Courts.

Havana, Aug. 10.-The press unanimously criticises and condemns what it terms the corrupt condition of the Cuban judiciary system. Bold charges have been made by the newspapers that judges and other members of the courts have been receiving fees for cases coming to trial in the courts and which they themselves have to decide. The Post charges the Cuban judiciary with having a compact organization extending over the entire system, so perfect that "corruption is conducted with absolute safety."

Emphatic Cablegram to Viceroys. Washington, Aug. 9.-The president directed and the secretary of state has such viceroys as can transmit it to whatever government there is in the Chinese empire a very emphatic statement of the position of this govern-

Vellowstone Park Fires Out. Mammoth Hot Springs, Wyo., Aug. 10.-Reports received from the vicinity of Shoshone lake are that the fires raging in Yellowstone Park have been extinguished by a heavy rain, and investigation shows that the loss is not serious and that travel has not been inconvenienced.

# Commanders Have Agreed.

Washington Aug. 10 .- Gen. Chaffee's dispatch to the War department conveyed the most satisfactory evidences that the commanders had thoroughly agreed in advance upon a plan of action, and that there is every indication that this plan had been followed, as General Chaffee sent a cable saying ment to enter into communication that the attack upon the Chinese at Pei Tsang would be made on Sudday, the day when Admiral Remey and the press correspondent say the fighting occurred.

# Ballast Cars Ordered.

Topeka, Aug. 9.-The Santa Fe com pany has placed an order for 200 modern ballast cars to be used in the work of reducing grades. The cars will be built on a rush order. This order is in addition to the order for steam shovels, unloaders, and dirt cars expenditure of several thousand dollars in addition to the \$30,000 already contracted for in a preparatory way. The reduction of grades will cost several million dollars.

# Mexican Dollars Re-moulded.

Joplin, Mo., Aug. 13 .- A large quantity of spurious silver coin has been put in circulation in the Missouri-Kansas zinc fields recently, and all efforts to apprehend the counterfeiters out the city are working on half time, have so far failed. The silver used in the heat of the afternoon being too their manufacture is Mexican coins, and the work is so well done that detection is almost impossible. The stamp and milling are said to be the best yet brought to the notice of ex-Sterrett and Atoka has been appraised perts. Even the banks have been taken in by these counterfeiters.

Kansas Steers For Liverpool.

Atchison, Kas., Aug. 11 .- M. Solt & Son, the noted stockmen of Barnes, will load twenty-nine cars of fancy black steers tonight for Liverpool. The shipment will be divided up into two trains and rushed through to Boston, where they will be put on shipboard. Sixteen young men from the vicinity of Barnes will accompany the cattle to Liverpool and visit the Paris and unusually fine. This does not exhaust the supply of fancy steers.

## STRATEGIC POINT TAKEN.

ance. It was a Stronghold.

Washington, Aug. 11 .- The following has been received from General Chaffee:

"Yang Tsun occupied. Wounded: Second lieutenant Frank R. Long. Ninth infantry, moderate; casualties, about 60 men, Ninth United States infantry, Fourteenth United States infantry and battery F. Fifth United States artillery. Nearly all from Fourteenth infantry. Names later."

The capture of Yang Tsun is regarded as a highly successful military achievment, and especially in view of the fact that it was looked upon as a stronghold whose capture might give the foreigners considerable trouble. Aside from the military developments of the day, the diplomatic aspect was made clearer by the publication of the demand made by the United States upon the imperial government of China and transmitted to Minister Wu.

Yang Tsun is the town which General Chaffee indicated as being the objective of the international forces on their then pending movement. It is at the junction of the Pei Ho and the railroad leading to Pekin. Its capture will insure to the international troops, it is hoped, two routes of transportation to Pekin. It is 17.8 miles from

### Strength of Allied Forces.

Berlin, Aug. 13 .- According to present orders from the powers the middle of August will see, altogether, 40,500 available troops with 162 guns in the province of Pei Chei Li. By the end of September there will be 78,000 with 280 guns, not including the troops at Shanghai, Canton and Pekin. Russia now has 37,000 with 104 guns, concentrating in Manchuria, and 105,000 more, and 138 guns, now forming for invasion. Altogether 230,000 men with 500 guns, will be in China within six weeks; and altogether 117 war vessels, exclusive of 21 torpedo boats, are now watching the Chinese coast, of which 70 are in the gulf of Pei Chi Li."

Will Stimulate Energies. Washington, Aug. 9.-That the dispatch from Mr. Conger will stimulate the energies of the government to its utmost endeavor to press forward the advance movement toward Pekin is certain, for Mr. Conger's message makes it clear that for the ministers to leave Pekin would result in their death.

The officials had been led to believe from recent dispatches which had purported to emanate from Chinese sources, as well as from imperial edicts, that the condition of the legationers was much improved, but this shows a

# very different aspect of affairs.

Waldersee to Command All. Berlin, Aug. 13 .- Count Waldersee has given up going to China by way of leans on British transports. In this Before the fight and for some weeks expects to reach Shanghai on September 22. He states that one reason of the change is that he can be better reached by telegraph on the way. He said: "I am very glad to hear that my appointment has been received in the sent to Earl Li Chang, to Sheng and to United States with approval. You see (this was smilingly) I am half an Amer

# ican myself."

Chin-Chin is Off. Washington, Aug. 13.-It is now plain truth that the Chinese government has been trying to deceive the foreign ministers. Conger was told by the high officials in Pekin, that the United States government was anxious for him to go to Tien Tsin with a Chinese escort. The state department has evidently made the Chinamen face their lie and has told them to expect

no further friendly messages. Wa Advises Chinese Government. Washington, Aug. 11.-Minister Wu tonight sent to his government the memorandum addressed to him by the Secretary of State and demanding the immediate cessation of hostile attacks by the imperial troops upon the legations and urging the imperial governwith the relief expedition for the liberation of the legations. The minister accompanied it with another explanatory statement in which he gave the reasons why in his opinion, a compliance with the representations of the

United States is advisable. The Supreme Command in China. Berlin, Aug. il.-Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee, recently appointed to the supreme command of the German forces in China, and looked upon as likely to be chosen as announced last week. It will mean an commander-in-chief of the international troops, will go to China via San Francisco. He was nominated for supreme command of the allied forces in China, and it is said, the choice has

> been accepted by all the allied powers. Many Deaths From Heat. Philadelphia, Aug. 13.-The mean

temperature has been averaging higher than for any similar period on record. Many large factories throughgreat for the employes to endure. Chicago, Aug. 13 .- Nine deaths and 15 prostrations from heat in one day.

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 13.-Two

deaths from heat; one of them was

Thomas McCarthy, whose body was

# found in a barn.

Streeter Gets Concession. City of Mexico, Aug. 11 .- A valuable water concession has just been granted by the federal government of Mexico to A. J. Streeter for the irrigation of the Fuerte river valley in the state of Sinaloa. The Fuerte valley has an area of two hundred thousand acres in extent and Mr. Streeter himself owns 65,000 acres of it near Topolobampo Bay, on the line of the proposed K. C., exposition. The cattle are native steers | Mexico & Orient railway. The concession grants the holder the right to use half the wat w from the Fuste river.

# R. G. DUN'S WEEKLY REPORT.

Made Progress Toward a More Stable Position of Business.

### GRAIN RECEIPTS INCREASE.

New York, Aug. 13 .- R. G. Dun & Co's weekly trade review says: Progress has been made toward a

ground already gained; but for a proper interpretation of the week's results one must look beyond Wall street operations where more than in any quarter the vacation season is leaving its impress of inactivity. Speculation is cautious but investment holdings have and will soon be fully reduced, probably for three weeks, by the closing which has been delayed longer than expected. Cotton fell so sharply that some re-

covery occurred in an oversold and speculative market, and spot sold at 10 cents when the official report appeared, further reduction in consumption. Wheat advanced about a cent, helped by poor foreign crop reports. The domestic outlook is fairly cheerful, and farmers have marketed freely. Receipts at interior cities aggregating 6,287,581 bushels against 1,918,216 last year, and 2,446,417 bushels in 1898. Exports from Atlantic ports were only 1,720,963 bushels wheat, flour included. against 2,503,344 bushels last year, although purchases of foreign account were large and promise an increased movement hereafter. Corn gains nearly 2 cents with the aid of dry weather reports and is 8 cents above the price at this time last year. Both receipts and exports for the week fell more than a million bushels below the same week

Improvement is noted in boots and shoes, with only a small percentage of eastern shops at work. The textile markets have been free from such futures as marked recent divisions of prices, but business is of fair volume. Loss of the Chinese market has put solutely impossible for the allies to coarse brown cottons in a bad position, enter Pekin to escort the ministers to other grades being less seriously affected. In woolen goods re-orders are not up to expectations, and some serges sell lower. Manufacturers show more interest in the wool market, taking there is no present prospect of calling fair quantities and seeking fewer con- a halt in the movement against Pekin. cessions. The market is firmer though

### prices are unchanged. More Americans Bother Mr. Stowe.

Washington, Aug. 11.-The state department has received from Consul General Stowe at Cape Town, another | Century Club, at Madison Square gardispatch relative to the shipment of den and won by knocking the Ohioan Americans as volunteers at New Or- down and out in the sixth round. sends home free all who apply to him, the effect that Fitz was too old to but adds: ,"I no sooner clear one vessel than another comes into port with more Americans who have been so foolish as to ship with mules for this country. Over 500 have arrived, and further shipments of these muleteers ought to be prevented. The means used to obtain men at New Orleans, as told by the men, are simply disgrace-

An Ohio Colony. Massillon, Ohio, Aug. 10.-Fifty res. idents of this city have started for Oklahoma, where they will take up claims on government land and establish a colony under plans which have been formed by local labor leaders. They will form a plan of government in conformity with the peculiar ideas of local ly suing for peace through Li Hung

### students of socialistic problems. Destitution at Cape Nome

San Francisco, Aug. 11.-Chas. D. Law, the well known miner says: 'General Randall has been successful in maintaining peace, but the military city for points along the lake shore force there finds it next to impossible to enforce the sanitary regulations necessary to preserve the health of of labor. This is especially true in the humanity. Practical miners have left large office buildings. Gangs of laborthe beach and are prospecting in the ers all over the city laid off during the gulches. Rumors of gold finds are afternoon. There were four deaths heard occasionally but they are with- due to heat and twenty-nine prostraout confirmation." Steamers could tions, three of which are fatal. Exnot bring out the destitute, even if no cessive heat is reported from eastern charge were made.

Telegraph Companies Make Defense. Chicago, Aug. 10.-The Western Union and the Postal telegraph companies will jointly appeal to the feder-

### of the Chicago board of trade. Where Enemies Draw Supplies.

New York, Aug. 13 .- An immense trade is done at Hong Kong in the sale of arms and ammunition to both the has been torturing humanity in this Chinese and to the Filipino insurgents. locality for some time and still con-Indeed, the latter as well as the Chi-tinues with little prospect of relief, nese draw all their supplies of am- The greatest suffering is endured by munition from Hong Kong. Hong the people of the lower east side dis-Kong has no custom house, and has tricts, which are so thickly populated. therefore no means of checking the Horses are perishing and the mortality imports or exports if the shippers do among them threatens to equal that of not choose to make a purely voluntary | the record breaking August hot spell declaration at the harbor office. Re- of 1896, when so many died that busi-

# Money Orders to China.

monstrances seem of no avail.

Washington, Aug. 11.-The postof-

# CATTLE TAXATION IN COURT,

Still Practised.

Topeka, Aug. 9 .- Suit is commenced in the supreme court to test the constitutionality of the Wiley law concerning the taxation of movable personal property. Some of the cattlemen of Western Kansas have been in the habit of evading the payment of taxes on cattle for years by moving them from one county to another about the time more stable position of business with the assessors are making their rounds. a few more heavy contracts to hold the Representative Wiley put a bill through the legislature in 1897 providing that the assessment of cattle in such cases could be extended on the rolls any time between March and September. A live stock commission company, of Kansas City, moved a bunch of 1,200 head into Sherman county last year increased. Working forces are smaller after the regular assessment time and the county authorities slapped the bunch on the assessment roll. The down of cotton mills in New England, company refused to pay the tax and the sheriff advertised the cattle for tax sale. The company filed suit to enjoin the sale and the district court rendered a judgment in favor of the sheriff. An appeal from that decision has been filed in the supreme court. The comnotwithstanding many indications of mission company claims that the law is in violation of five or six provisions

### Chinese Duplicity.

of the state constitution

Washington, Aug. 13.-While the state department is continuing to dispatch messages to Mr. Conger on the assurance of the Chinese government that communication is uninterrupted, it is doing so with comparatively small hope of their delivery.

This assertion was borne out when Secretary Root said that there was no convincing evidence in possession of this government that any of our dispatches really had reached Mr. Conger. This indicates that the minister has not given a direct and satisfactory answer to any of the queries that have been addressed him by the department

### Fears for the Ministers.

Washington, Aug. 11 .- The gravest apprensions are felt here in official circles for the safety of the imprisoned ministers in Pekin. The alleged statement of Li Hung Chang that it is ab-Tien Tsin adds greatly to the strain of the situation. It clearly implies the purpose of the Chinese government to resist the advance. So far as is known

### Bob Knocks Out Gus.

New York, Aug. 13.-Bob Fitzsimmons, of Australia, but now an American citizen, met Gus Ruhlin, the Akron giant, before the Twentieth past there have been many reports to cope successfully with his younger

# Seventy-Eight Millions.

Topeka, Aug. 11. - Secretary Coburn, of the state board of agriculture, has issued a bulletin estimating the Kansas wheat yield at 78,081,000 bushels. This is the largest crop in the state's history. There will be a heavy shortage in corn, the present condition of the crop being placed at 56. There is still 48,000,000 bushels of old corn in

# the state.

\* China Suing For Peace. London, Aug. 13 .- The morning papers express satisfaction at the latest developments in China. The average comment is that China is now genuine-

Chang.

Excessive Heat. Chicago, Aug. 11.-The prolonged heat is having a serious effect on business. All of those who can leave the and in the woods are going, and many have materially curtailed their hours

### and northwestern states. Towne Out of the Race.

Duluth, Minn., Aug. 10.-Charles A, Towne has declined the nomination tendered him by the populist national al court for a dissolution of the per- convention at Sioux Falls. His letter manent injunction granted by Judge is of considerable length and set forth W. A. Henry of Kansas City to the fully Mr. Towne's views in regard to Christie-Street Commission company the nomination. It is believed here and the Grain Brokerage company of the populist committee empowered to Kansas City, which restrains the tele- fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Towne's graph companies from refusing to fur- withdrawal will immediately endorse nish them with market quotations Adlai E. Stevenson for vice president on the ticket with W. J. Bryan.

# Heat in New York.

New York, Aug. 13.-Eleven persons died here today of excessive heat which ness was seriously crippled.

# Rathbone's Accounts.

Havana, Aug. 11.-Martin C. Fosnes, fice department announces the com- acting director general of posts, appletion of arrangements whereby peared for the first time personally remittances may be made to the troops against Estes G. Rathbone, the deposed in China. A money order office has director, and offered additional evibeen established at Military Postal dence in court. Deputy Auditor Postal Station No. 1, in China. Its Lawshe, who has been investigating location is at present undecided, but Mr. Rathbon's accounts, disallows items intending remitters may safely pur- aggregating more than \$25,000. These chase money orders drawn as above include unauthorized personal expendand their payment will be provided itures and stuffed pay rolls, together for, notwithstanding the troops may with a number of augstlonable conbe located at various points in China. tracts.